Software Underground

Board Meeting

26 November 2024

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 15.00 UTC on Tuesday 26 November 2024. Quorum is 5.

Chair: Matteo

Regrets:

Present: Dieter, Matt, Santi, Leo

Visiting: Andrea

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:
https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board

Remarks

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Meetups in 2025

Andrea brought the idea of organizing a Swung meetup on a future EGU at EGU2025 (27 Apr - 2 May). We can use some of the EGU resources to make it more of a formal meeting. April 2025 in Vienna. It is now on the TODO.

Also EGC2025 (6-10 Oct) (https://europeangeothermalcongress.eu/). The EGC2025 will be in Zurich. If I (Dieter) have the bandwidth I would like to create a meetup then!

Could we add "Meetups" to the Meetings playbook: https://hackmd.io/dUYWLDDISnOwjEVAwdZKJg ?

Remarks

- Andrea reached out to the Organizing committee at EGU. Alternative for hosting: sprint (after sessions) or side meeting simultaneous with sessions.
- In the past we have done meetups, eg at SEG, and funded drinks, and also provided stickers and a few T-shirts, eg for prizes.
- Need to take the decision after we finish the meeting (for quorum).
- Might be better to start a conversation in Mattermost, since this could be the last board meeting before the deadline for requesting a TM.
- What do we do in the event?
  - Lightning talks (open-mic)
  - Something more structured. Discussions.
  - Consider also an audience of ppl that are not currently members of swung.

Website and store

Matt is looking at adding stickers back to the store.

Remarks

- Matt can check into the latest Printful quality
- Alternative is Stickermule, particularly if we want them shipped to Andrea for EGU.

Plausible

I (Matt) saw something about this in the channels... was it resolved? Santi added Dieter as admin.

Remarks

- List of websites posted.
- There is one shared set of account admin credentials at the moment. Can add more admins at the Site level.

Mattermost and Focalboard

Update from Santi.

I (Matteo) missed the last meeting. Just wanted to mention Trello as an alternative, if we were not convinced about Focalboard (noting that Focalboard is marketed as an alternative to Trello). Unless we are only looking at open source tools. I have been using the free version for some time to track my own projects, and it works well, has automation

capabilities, and (simple) integration with Mattermost. I can invite and tag people to boards.

Jørgen suggested in#swung-org to add to the Agenda discussion of an (informal at least) mattermost review; also asking for a plan to pay him, annually or preferably semiannually.

Remarks

- **Benefits: 1) OpenSource. 2) Already added to mattermost, and anyone can use it in there without needing to have another account. Easier integration compared to other tools.**
- **Nice opportunity to test it for organizing the event at EGU.**
- **GitHub does have similar functionality but not everyone has access to GitHub.**

Volunteer for chairing the next meeting

Santi volunteered for December or January (if Dec. does not happen).

Remarks:

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TODO

- Leo will create a Board for Swung Org task tracking. This can be used to create task cards after every board meeting.
- Open house / celebration on the Chateau for December 17th? Maybe after ½ hour board meeting. To be announced on #Agora.
- Push these notes to GitHub after the meeting (Matteo)
- (Matt) to talk to Jørgen about invoicing so we can then set-up biannual payments. Invite him to the next meeting.
- EGU event conversation to be started (Andrea/Santi) in #Agora, since today is likely the last board meeting before the deadline for requesting a TM.
  - Promote the channel in the Agora (general) channel.
  - Start a Focalboard for it.
- Add to 1Password credentials for Plausible (Matt)
- Focalboard:
  - Ask Jorgen about LaTeX support in the cards
  - The list of boards are working a little bit weird
  - Better way to discover boards? So far we need to search for them.

Parking lot / next meeting

Transform came up again in October, revisit in January?

Getting new members of the board

Is it possible to vote for bringing a new member to the board at any time? Or do we need to do it in the AGM?